

SUPPLEMENTAL FAST ACT COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION FOR METROPOLITAN & STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

1. Update Public Participation Plan (PPP) to include: a) public ports; b) private providers of transportation (including intercity bus operators, employer-based commuting programs, such as carpool program, vanpool program, transit benefits program, parking cash-out program, shuttle program, or telework program). (Ref: 23 CFR 450.316(a))

a) Amarillo's only port is Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport. This is a City department and interacts with the MPO through the regular city channels.

b) The Amarillo MPO has a mailing list that is continuously updated for meeting notices, newsletters, and various other mailings. Greyhound Bus Line and TNM&O Coaches are among those that receive our regular mailings. Also included on our mailing list are Jan Warner, a private transit provider for the elderly and disabled, and Panhandle Transit, who provides rural transit services. The Amarillo MPO also serves on a regional transit advisory group, Panhandle Regional Organization to Maximize Public Transportation (PROMPT). The Amarillo area does not currently have a parking cash-out program or transit benefits program. The most recent update to the Public Participation Plan was on October 19, 2017. Here is the link to our Public Participation Plan.

<http://amarillo.gov/departments/planning-and-development-services/planning/metropolitan-planning-organization/plans-programs>

2. Demonstrate consultation with agencies involved in: a) tourism; b) natural disaster risk reduction. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.316(b))

a) The Amarillo MPO has a citizen representative from the Chamber of Commerce on our Policy Committee. The Chamber of Commerce is where the Amarillo Convention & Visitors Council is housed. The MPO is working on putting together a calendar of events for our webpage. The MPO will add links on our webpage to upcoming regional tourist activities.

b) The Amarillo MPO webpage has links to the City of Amarillo webpage where FEMA maps can be found. Amarillo MPO is also involved with the Amarillo Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The MPO has a planner in times of emergency in the Emergency Operation Center planning room. The Amarillo MPO also coordinates with the Panhandle Regional Planning Organization (PRPO), which in turn coordinates with the panhandle counties when facilities are closed down due to weather events. We have this strategy in place so travelers are not stranded in small towns but are kept in the metropolitan area, which is better equipped to handle larger amounts of people.

3. MPO(s), State(s), and the providers of public transportation shall jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to: a) transportation performance data; b) the selection of performance targets; c) the reporting of performance targets; d) the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO & the collection of data for the State asset management plan for the NHS. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.314(h))

The Amarillo MPO has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with TxDOT and Amarillo City Transit with regard to Performance Measures. Copies of the MOUs can be found in Appendix A of this supplement

4. Incorporate two new planning factors: a) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm-water impacts of surface transportation; b) Enhance travel and tourism. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.206(a)(9&10) and 306(b)(9&10))

a) The Amarillo MPO has GIS mapping capabilities. This helps identify flood plains and playa lakes in the vicinity of future projects. TxDOT handles the storm-water runoff on the on-system roads. All projects are compliant with TxDOT design manual or the local public agency design guides.

b) The Amarillo MPO will add links to our website to include upcoming tourist events and also other relevant maps. We will reach out to Colleges and Universities for events they may be conducting to add in the movement of traffic. The MPO is also working with Amarillo City Transit on having links to their website as they roll out changes to their fixed route service.

5. Include consideration of intercity buses (in both MTPs and Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plans). (Ref: 23 CFR 450.216(b) and 324(f)(2))

Greyhound Bus line receives our regular MPO mailings. Greyhound has attended policy board meetings in the past and is invited to all regular meetings. Amarillo MPO also reaches out to Panhandle Transit, which is the rural transit provider in the area. Amarillo is the hub for various services for the panhandle region, and Greyhound and Panhandle Transit provide a valuable conduit for moving people and products in this area.

6. MTP includes an assessment of capital investment and other strategies to preserve the existing and future transportation system and reduce the vulnerability of the existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.324(f)(7))

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) includes a section on existing facilities. In this section it talks about operation and maintenance. The MPO maintains a geo-database of the network and the maintenance performed on the network. This includes seal-coating local streets and overlaying arterials, reconstruction and new construction for the network. This database includes work done by City of Amarillo, TxDOT, Potter County and Randall County that is within the MPO planning boundary. In the existing facilities section of the MTP, the MPO has identified strategies to help maintain the current and future network. The MPO also wants to include Greyhound Bus lines in the conversations. Currently there is a grant request in process for a joint City of Amarillo and Greyhound transfer station that has been submitted for consideration. If this is approved the MPO will work to get it incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

7. MTP includes a description of the (Federally required) performance measures and performance targets used in assessing the performance of the transportation system. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.324(f)(3))

The Safety and Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance targets will be used to evaluate how the systems are performing. The safety targets will be used to help select projects to help reduce accidents and make the network function in a safer manner. The TAMs targets will be used to keep the fleet in better running condition and make that system more reliable. As PM2

and PM3 targets are developed and adopted, they will keep the network in a better and safer overall condition. The PM3 targets will also help the system to move freight more efficiently and help with air quality.

8. MTP includes a system evaluation report evaluating the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the (Federally required) performance targets including progress achieved by the MPO toward the performance targets. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.324(f)(4))

Fast Act requires that the MTP include a system evaluation report. As the MPO sets targets, we will have a baseline from which to evaluate the future performance. By indentifying the targets, the MTP can start addressing these individual factors and bring about change to the system. This evaluation report can serve as both documentation and a reference for future evaluation reports.

9. STIP/TIPs include (to the maximum extent practicable) a description of the anticipated effect of the STIP and TIP toward achieving the performance targets identified by the State in the long-range statewide transportation plan and by MPO in the MTP. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.218(q) and 326(d))

The projects in the TIP include the relocation of a segment of West Loop 335 to a new corridor. One of the project's impacts is a shifting of the freight traffic from an arterial section to a controlled access facility, although in the initial stages, this will operate more like a divided four lane highway. Another impact, once fully built-out, is the elimination of through traffic within the at-grade intersections. This should reduce congestion at the intersections. These projects also provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities. While the pedestrian facilities are a separate facility, the bicycles share a lane with the automobiles.

10. STIP/TIPs include a linkage from the investment priorities in the TIP/STIP to achievement of performance targets in the plans. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.218(q) and 326(d))

The project selection process has improved by the addition of performance targets. By identifying specific targets to incorporate into the selection process the overall system will better align with the system goals. Having these targets identified at the beginning yields a greater positive impact on the whole process.

11. Statewide plan shall include a description of the performance measures & targets and a systems performance report assessing the performance of the transportation system. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.216(f)(1&2))

These are for statewide measures and targets.

12. Statewide plan and STIP updates should apply asset management principles consistent with the State Asset Management Plan for the NHS and the Transit Asset Management Plan and the Public Transportation Safety Plan in the statewide planning process. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.208(e))
N/A (State DOT)

This is for statewide plans.